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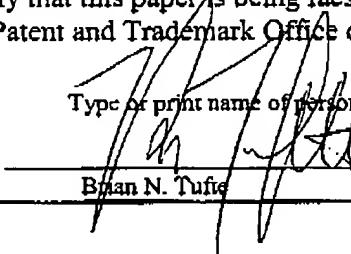
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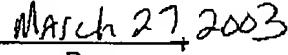
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Dear Sir:

The undersigned would like to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the telephonic interview on March 27, 2003. During that interview, the undersigned noted that one of the references listed on the PTO-1449 filed with the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement of April 25, 2002 was not initialed by the Examiner. The reference is "p.r. classe, ET AL.; "Automatic Power Control of a VCSEL Using an Angled Lid T056 Package"; published presentation from Electronic Components & Technology Conference; 1998, 48th IEEE Seattle, WA. The Examiner apparently did not initial this reference because the month was not provided on the PTO-1449.

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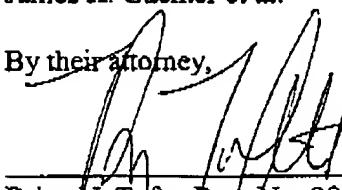
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Pursuant to the Examiner's request during the interview, attached hereto is a copy of the initialed PTO-1449 as received by Applicants, and a clean copy of the PTO-1449 for the Examiner's initials. The Examiner indicated that he would consider the reference, initial the PTO-1449, and provide a copy of the PTO-1449 to the Applicants in due course. If a telephone conference might be of assistance, please contact the undersigned attorney at 612-677-9050.

Respectfully submitted,

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